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Hon. J. Davis, Secretary of War.
N. Gallatin, esq., President of the Board of Commissioners.
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WILLIAM B. SCOTT,
Sept 17-18 On H between 19th and 20th sts

WOOD GAS.-CAUTION.

BE it known that I, the subscriber obtained letters patent in December, 1851, for an apparatus for the destructive distillation of wood, and the making therefrom of tar or pitch at pleasure, and gas; and that in the judgment of competent persons the invention of an apparatus recently patented by W. D. Porter cannot be used by him or any other person without infringing my said patent. And, further, that what is patented by said Porter rightfully belongs to me, as I expect to prove long before the United States Patent Office, and further, that the use of said Porter's invention involves also a process which I am now claiming before the United States Patent Office, and which has been adjudged to be patentable as the first inventor thereof, and which said W. D. Porter has formally disclaimed, as appears upon the public records of said office, of which an official copy is hereto annexed, and also a copy of his claim.

In the National Intelligencer of the 25th instant Mr. Porter announces that he has secured a patent for the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," and threatens to prosecute all parties infringing his patent. I ask how this statement comports with the fact of my patent of December, 1851, and how far the threat can intimidate under circumstances such as these. It is well known upon a movable perforated diaphragm, and was so understood by the Patent Office, as it appears from the records of the Patent Office that his claim was for an interfering with the use of a prior patent to Robert Fulton, of Canada, for an equivalent contrivance. This claim, as given below, and in which the perforated diaphragm is claimed as the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," and whether my heretofore secured patent for the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," is a libel on the good sense of the Patent Office, and whether any such claim was ever made, is a matter for the Patent Office to decide.

The following copies of correspondence and extracts from the records of the Patent Office will show the true state of the case:

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 1st inst. asking if any patent has been granted to W. D. Porter dated 22d August, 1854, or at any other time, or to any other person or persons, securing to him or them the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," I beg to inform you that no such patent has been granted to W. D. Porter, under his application for a patent, which letters patent were issued bearing the date of the 22d of August, 1854, and which claims are believed to be nullified by his apparatus; and, further, this office is not aware that a patent has been granted heretofore for the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," and, however, it is not my duty to make an extended investigation to answer your request.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,
C. Mason, Commissioner of Patents.
W. P. McClellan, Esq.,
Care of Prof. C. G. Page, Washington, D. C.

The United States Patent Office.-To all persons to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy from the files of this office of a letter patent issued to W. D. Porter for letters patent, in accordance with which application letters patent were issued the 22d of August, 1854, and which claims are believed to be nullified by his apparatus; and, further, this office is not aware that a patent has been granted heretofore for the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," and, however, it is not my duty to make an extended investigation to answer your request.

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PROSPECTUS

OF THE
WASHINGTON SENTINEL.
PROPOSED to publish in the City of Washington, in September, a political newspaper, under the name of the WASHINGTON SENTINEL.

In doing so, it is proper I should make known the principles it will maintain, and the policy it will advocate.

It will support cordially and earnestly the principles of the Democratic party of the United States, and does not propose to be the organ of any department of the Government, except in so far as an independent maintenance of the doctrines of that party may represent its opinions and express its views.

It will not be ambitious to commend itself to the people by a blind flattery of their rulers. It will seek public support by the bold avowal of the sentiments which are common to the genuine Democracy of the Union, and by the avowal of all such as may conflict with them, from whatever quarter they may come. It will seek to be (and it will endeavor to deserve the title) the organ of the Democratic party of the United States.

The SENTINEL will maintain, as a fundamental truth of that great party, that the States formed the Union between them by the ratification of the Constitution of the United States, and that the Federal Government, and delegated to it, as their common agent, the powers expressly specified in it, with an implied reservation of all others to the States or their several Governments. The exercise of any powers beyond those delegated, is, therefore, an usurpation of the reserved authority of the States by the agent.

The SENTINEL will uphold and defend the Union upon the basis of the rights of the States under the Constitution, and thus by sedulously guarding the latter, it will the more effectively strengthen and perpetuate the former.

With regard to the exercise of the powers of the Federal Government, the SENTINEL will take as the principles of its policy, that no power which is not delegated by the Constitution, according to a strict and fair interpretation of its language and spirit; and that it shall not seek to attain indirect ends through the exercise of its constitutional powers, for the direct attainment of which it has no delegation of power.

In other words, all powers exercised must be clearly granted, and all granted powers must be used for the purpose, except such as are clearly intended by the Constitution.

In respect to the internal administration of the Government, the SENTINEL will sustain the settled policy of the Democratic party, and will endeavor to inculcate this cardinal doctrine of Democratic internal policy, - that this Government will best promote the freedom and prosperity of the people of the States, by being less a Government of power, and more anxious to preserve liberty; and by leaving to the individual States the management of all their domestic concerns, - while it controls the external relations of the country, and directs the foreign policy of the country to the promotion of the common interests, and defence of the common rights, and foreign policy of the country.

The SENTINEL will advocate such a progressive foreign policy as will suit itself to the exigencies, and correspond with the expanding interests of the country. That policy should be energetic, steady, and should temper firmness with liberality, and make its highest ends consistent with the strictest principles of justice. The real interests of the country, upon each occasion demanding attention, be it its guide in the course the SENTINEL will pursue.

The national policy of the world in this age is essentially aggressive. In the growing sense of weakness of some of the nations, and in the ambitious restlessness of others, a common motive to national extension has developed itself.

Our settled determination to repel interference from abroad with our domestic concerns, will prompt us to avoid it in the affairs of other countries, unless by their foreign or colonial policy our peace should be threatened, or our interests, or our selfish interests of other nations prompt a foreign or colonial policy which infringes upon our rights, and places in the power of a foreign nation, and the ambitious restlessness of others, a common motive to national extension has developed itself.

Our foreign policy should, indeed, be defensive, but it should be aggressive. Our administration should be vigilant, watchful, and energetic. The world is full of important movements, commercial and political, deeply concerning American trade, and our interests. It is time we had an American foreign policy. We must have it. We cannot avoid it if we would. We have larger interests, and a greater stake in the world, and we are more dependent upon it, than we have been in the past. We occupy the best portion of a continent, with no neighbors but a colony, and a worn-out, anarchical despotism. We are the dominant power, and we are the most powerful nation in the world. Our agricultural productions are more varied and more essential to civilized life, and to human progress, than any other nation. We are the most powerful nation in the world. Our agricultural productions are more varied and more essential to civilized life, and to human progress, than any other nation. We are the most powerful nation in the world.

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